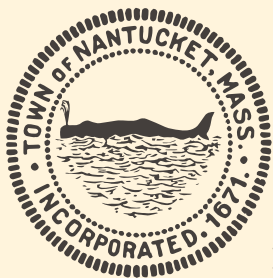


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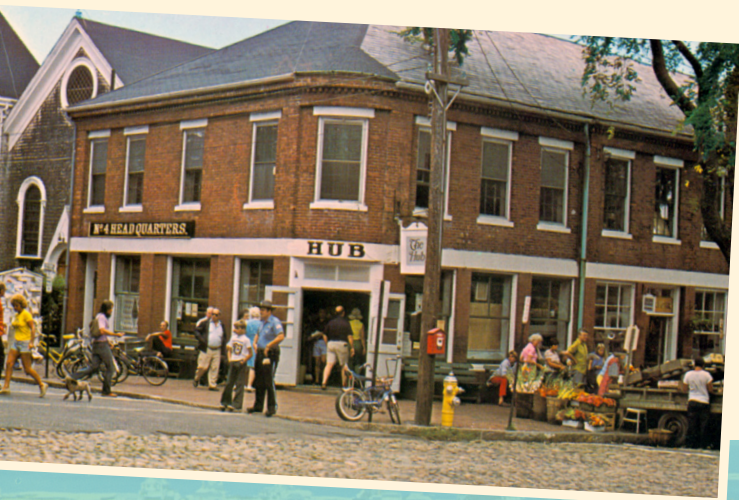
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# Welcome to Nantucket!



Welcome to our beautiful island 30 miles out to sea. Enjoy your visit!

Nantucket is a unique place with a proud history and customs reminiscent of the past – some of them might bring a smile to your face! Thank you for respecting our community and helping us to preserve our natural resources.



*Help maintain  
Nantucket's unique  
traditions & atmosphere.*



Should you need anything while here, **Visitor Services**, located in the heart of downtown Nantucket, is a wonderful place for information about the island including maps, activities, transportation and lodging information. Our dedicated staff knows Nantucket and can help you plan for a day or a month or longer!



*Please keep our streets,  
roads, and beaches  
free of litter.*



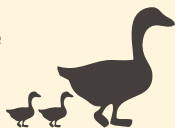
# Driving &

Driving on Nantucket is slower than you may be accustomed to off-island. There are no interstates. The closest we have to an Autobahn is the Milestone Road, running east to west, with a speed limit of 45 mph, so slow down and enjoy the scenery.



## Here are some of Nantucket's helpful driving customs:

- Give a friendly wave to passersby, pedestrians and cyclists.
- The crossing ducks on Lower Orange Street have the right of way.



*Leave your car behind and use our seasonal public transportation system, the Wave!*

Relax and ride the WAVE! Let them do the driving and don't worry about parking. Convenient stops are located along all routes and will bring you to Town, 'Sconset, Madaket, Surfside, Jetties Beach and points in between.

For rates, schedules and a convenient bus tracking app, visit **[www.nrtawave.com](http://www.nrtawave.com)**.



# Parking



- Cars already in the rotary have the right of way. As you approach the rotary, you may have a **Stop** sign or a **Yield** sign.

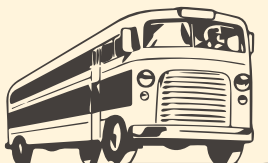
Respond accordingly.

- Please only honk in emergencies.
- Many streets in town are narrow and one-way.
- Share the road with our cyclists and pedestrians.
- Keep everyone safe in your car and buckle up.
- Do not text and drive. Not is it only dangerous, but it is now against Massachusetts State Law.



**Finding a suitable place to park in town during the busy summer months can be frustrating. Here are some helpful tips:**

- Please respect posted time limits when parking your car downtown. They are strictly enforced.
- Use **FREE** parking in the Town Lot, located on Washington Street as you approach downtown.
- It's a 5-minute walk to downtown, but it fills up fast so get there early!
- Valet parking is available at 2 Candle Street, the old electric company property.



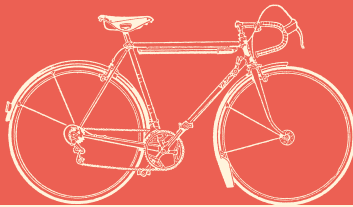
# Bicycles

Many visitors prefer to bicycle around Nantucket. With over 35 miles of bike paths, you can explore the whole island at your leisure.



- Need a bike and helmet? Many places rent them, with bicycles suited for all ages. Some will even deliver them to your island home or hotel.
- Bikes must observe all traffic regulations.
- Bikes cannot be ridden on the sidewalks, especially in town. Walk your bike on the sidewalk and be mindful of pedestrians.

*Always wear a helmet,  
and obey all traffic  
regulations.*



- On a one way street, don't ride in the wrong direction. If essential, walk your bike so drivers may see you.
- There are little red stop signs along the bike paths that are very important. Please obey them - they are for your safety!



- Use our bike racks throughout town and at beaches to lock your bikes up.

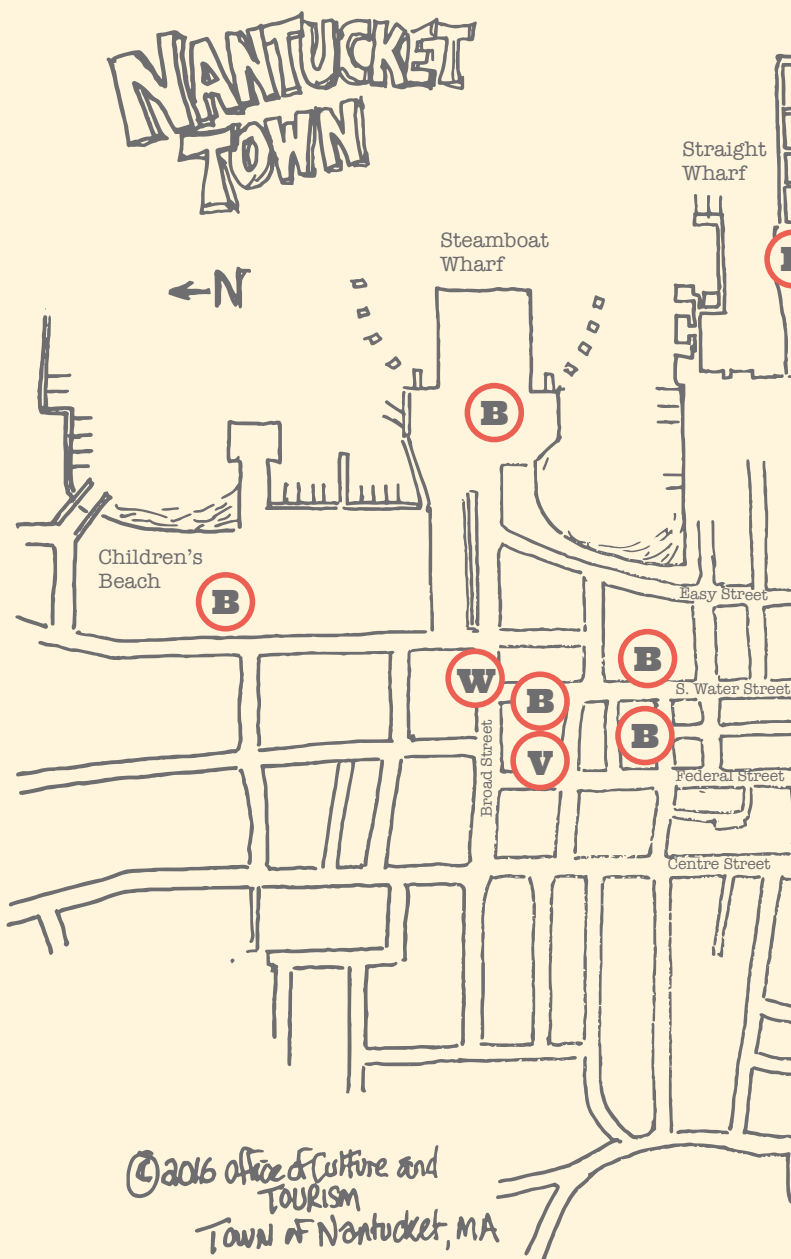
If you have any questions regarding accessibility on Nantucket, please pick up our **Guide for Visitors with Special Needs** and hopefully it will answer any questions that you might have.

While on Nantucket, please be sensitive to the needs of our disabled friends and neighbors. Save the accessible parking spaces for our disabled residents and visitors who need them.

Any unauthorized parking in the accessible spaces, even for a few minutes, is illegal and subject to a fine. The Commission on Disability thanks you in advance for your support.



# Downtown



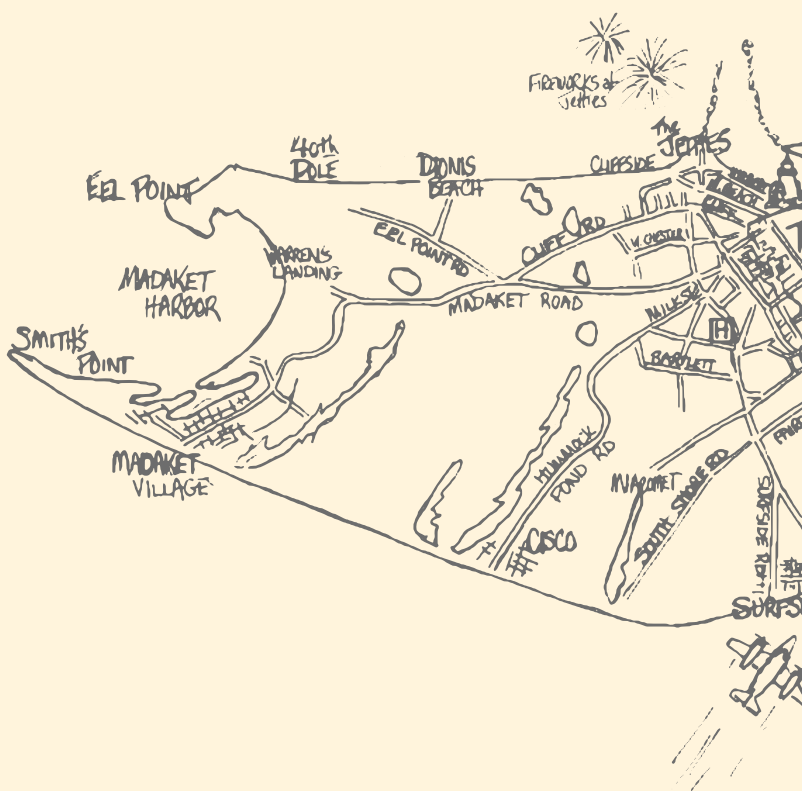


# The Island

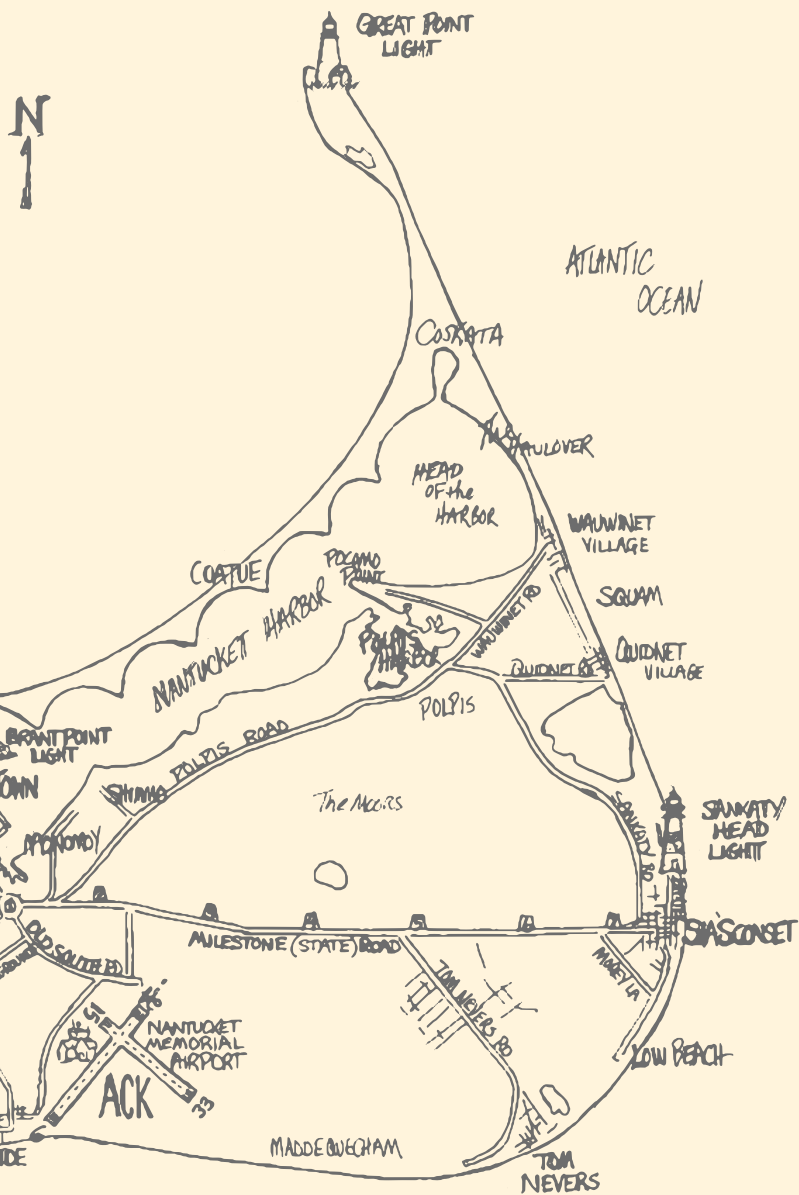
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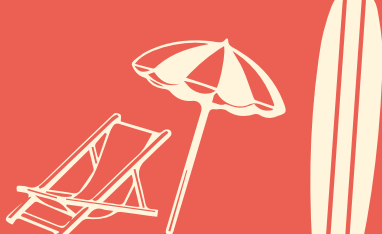


# Beaches

Nothing is more relaxing than a day at the beach! Nantucket boasts some of the best beaches in the world. Help us keep them that way by exercising good common sense.

- Beware of strong currents and surf particularly along our south shore beaches.
- Please stay off the dunes! Walking, playing, sliding on the dunes damages the beach grass habitat which takes years to recover.
- You may drive on some of our beaches, but only with a beach sticker. Permits for most beaches can be purchased at the Nantucket Police Department at 4 Fairgrounds Road. Great Point passes are only available at the Wauwinet Gate House, the entry to Great Point.





- Be sure to let some air out of your tires and bring a shovel and a wooden 2x4. First-timers often get stuck and you will be out at least \$150 to the tow truck driver.
- Watch for where endangered piping plovers might be nesting. Tread lightly or you will be fined.



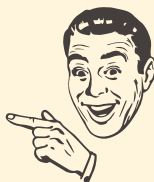
- Most importantly, do not leave any trash behind on the beach. If you find litter on the beach, kindly take it with you when you leave, as well. It's good for the environment and helps us keep Nantucket beautiful.

*Please take your trash  
with you - leave only  
footprints.*



# Environment

**F**ACT: Nantucket has among the highest recycling rates in the country (92%!), BUT also some of the highest fuel and electricity costs. Help Nantucket stay clean and green by using the following tips:



## *Recycling:*

Nantucket's mandatory recycling program, established in 1996, requires everyone to recycle glass, paper, plastic and metals and to use clear garbage bags for household waste. All residents and visitors must take their recyclables to the Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at the landfill located at 188 Madaket Road (unless otherwise arranged by your landlord). For more information, contact Waste Options: (508) 228-4283.



*Make your own personal  
investment in Nantucket.*



## *Electricity:*

Did you know the demand for electricity on Nantucket is growing more than five times the Massachusetts state average?! Help reduce Nantucket's peak electric load, and defer the need for a costly new undersea cable, with the following tips:

- Open the windows and enjoy Nantucket's refreshing summer breezes, instead of using the air conditioner
- Avoid doing laundry or running the dishwasher between 5 and 10pm when demand peaks
- Turn up the thermostat to 70°F or more during the day, and always keep windows and doors closed when running the A/C
- Visit the Town's Energy Office website to learn more: [ackenergy.org](http://ackenergy.org)

*When leaving on the boat, throw two pennies overboard while passing Brant Point. This historic tradition ensures a return trip to Nantucket.*



# Dogs

Nantucket is a very dog friendly island. Whether walking in the woods, frolicking on the beach, or shopping in one of our boutiques, there are many ways to enjoy the island with your furry friends. Here are some important tips for a successful visit with your dog.

- Dogs must be on a leash at all times, especially while on the beach.



*Help keep our island  
clean. Always clean up  
after your dog.*





- Clean up after your dog wherever you go. Whether on a street, in the woods or on the beach, it's important to take responsibility for your dog's mess.
- Never leave your dog in the car on a hot, sunny day.
- If your dog gets lost please call The Animal Control Office at 508-228-1212. And if your dog becomes ill while on vacation, you can contact our animal hospital at 508-228-1491.



*"To err is human: To forgive, canine."  
- Anonymous*



*Dogs must be leashed,  
even on the beach.*

# Nantucket Cultural District

Whether you call Nantucket home, or are visiting us for the first or one hundredth time, the moment you step ashore you immediately sense Nantucket's rich cultural heritage. Long renowned for its historic significance and natural beauty, Nantucket has a burgeoning cultural community that lasts well beyond the summer weather.

Visitors from around the world come to visit Nantucket each year, all throughout the year, to participate in the distinctive opportunities our community offers, many that visitors can't experience anywhere else in the world.

**Stop by Visitor Services at 25 Federal Street or Nantucket Island Chamber of Commerce at Zero Main Street to learn more about the Nantucket Cultural District.**



## ISLAND AMBASSADOR

This summer please look out for our **Downtown Island Ambassadors** who are able to help answer your questions and guide you to your destination in our historic downtown!

# Getting On & Off Nantucket

## **The Steamship Authority:**

[www.steamshipauthority.com](http://www.steamshipauthority.com)

## **Hy-Line Cruises:**

[www.hylinecruises.com](http://www.hylinecruises.com)

## **Seastreak:**

[www.seastreak.com](http://www.seastreak.com)

## **Airlines & Destinations:**

[www.nantucketairport.com](http://www.nantucketairport.com)

## Staying on Nantucket

Stop by the Visitor Services office on 25 Federal Street. for more detailed information about Nantucket including detailed street maps, various services and lodging information. We're here to help!

**Visitor Services: (508) 228-0925**

## **Nantucket Lodging Association:**

[www.nantucketlodging.org](http://www.nantucketlodging.org)

## Emergency: Dial 911

**Police: (508) 228-1212**

**Hospital: (508) 825-8100**

**Fire: (508) 228-2323**

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